



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA

October 31, 2012

To All Interested Parties:

Re: Consultation on the City of Los Angeles Housing and Community Development Five-Year (2013-17) Consolidated Plan

Dear Colleague:

Every five years, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires the City of Los Angeles to submit a plan (known as the Consolidated Plan) that serves as a blueprint for how the City will revitalize low income neighborhoods and build sustainable communities over the next five years. Development of the Consolidated Plan requires consulting and collaborating with other public and private entities to better align and coordinate community development programs with other plans, programs, and resources to achieve greater impact.

The five-year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) outlines the City's strategy for using the four grants that the City receives from HUD:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA)

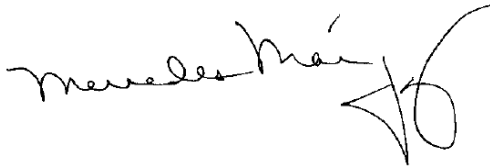
The Con Plan includes an assessment of our affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, as well as data-driven, place-based decisions. The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus funding from the four grant programs.

Over the next five years, we intend to leverage transportation funds coming to the City with our housing and community development efforts. Through Measure R, passed in 2008, and the federal transportation bill known as *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act* (MAP-21), we have an opportunity to integrate transportation funding with our HUD investments along transit corridors to maximize impact in low income neighborhoods.

We need your assistance in evaluating the direction of program and project priorities over the five years of the next Con Plan. We ask for your suggestions and comments on the attached form.

We know how busy everyone is, but would really like to include your input in our tight planning time frame. Please submit your response to cdd.planning@lacity.org or Planning Section, Community Development Department, 1200 W. 7th St., 6th floor, Los Angeles, 90017 by **November 7, 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Hanks at (213) 744-7377 or via email at Robert.Hanks@lacity.org. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mercedes Márquez", followed by a stylized flourish or checkmark.

MERCEDES MÁRQUEZ
Deputy Mayor for Housing

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